

## Those Serving Today

Pastor:	The Rev. Dr. David B. McCarthy
Pianist/Organist:	Philippe Jonckheere
Worship Leader:	Nancy Evans
Soloist:	Margaret Richardson
Usher:	David Sanders
Fellowship:	Linda Devolder and Linda Tylke

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT IPC

Sunday, 27 September	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time after church.
Wednesday, 30 September	No Adult Study this week.
Thursday, 1 October	Fellowship Time, 20:30.
Sunday, 4 October	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time after church.

September's Mission of the Month is the Solidarité Protestante's work with the Batwa children of Burundi. More information can be found in an insert and online here: <http://www.ipcbrussels.org/mission-of-the-month>.

Sunday School and the Youth Group and will begin today. If you are interested in teaching, please speak to Pastor David. Children and youth may leave during the last hymn to meet your teacher in the back of the church, and then go to your rooms.

Our Adult Study group is taking a break this week. On Wednesday 7 October, we begin a study of Cynthia Rigby's *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. For a copy of the book, or for more information, please see Pastor David.

Everyone is invited to online Zoom Fellowship at 20:30 on Thursday.

### Sharing our Treasures

**How can we support the International Protestant Church of Brussels?**

**Please direct *virement* (transfer) deposits to the following accounts:**

Fortis: IBAN: BE72 2100 5701 3016 (Pledges and congregational support)

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Workers in the Vineyard

## THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Seventeenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
September 27, 2020

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*HYMN (ODE TO JOY)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, Earth and heav'n re-lect your rays,
3. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus, Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore you, O-p'ning to the sun a-bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, Cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
God's own love is reign-ing o'er us, Join-ing peo-ple hand in hand.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; Drive the dark of doubt a-way;  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, Vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain Sound their praise e-ter-nal-ly!  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph-song of life.

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

*Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN (IN BABILONE):**

**“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea.  
 2 For the love of God is broader than the mea-sures of the mind.

There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than  
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -

lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
 ful - ly kind. If our love were but more faith - ful,

are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Philippians 2:1-11a

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**SOLO**

, by John Rutter

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**“Equally to Us All”**

**\* HYMN (TO GOD BE THE GLORY)**

**(See insert)**

**“A Man Owned a Vineyard”**

**\* OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE**